



Czechia Online Gazetteer (*GenTeam*) and Maps

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OBJECTIVES

You will be able to:

- Use the *GenTeam* gazetteer to identify parishes and find archives.
- Locate and use online historical maps of Czechia.

INTRODUCTION

GenTeam is a website designed as a collaborative tool by and for genealogists. The website requires registering before using it, but the information is free. The gazetteer function covers the current countries of Austria, Czech Republic, Slovak Republic, and Slovenia, and contains former (usually German) and current names of locations. Each entry will give the name of the parish, the year the records begin, and which archive holds the records. In most cases, there is a link to the archive's website

Online maps help you locate places, including communities that no longer exist. They can also be used to identify geographical features, political boundaries, and transportation routes.

Part 1: *GenTeam*: ONLINE GAZETTEER

Registering for *GenTeam*

1. Go to the website for *GenTeam*, located at www.genteam.at. The site is available in English and German. If the website appears in German, click on the British flag located in the upper right corner of the page.
2. On the left side of the website is a gray box with space to enter your login information. Below the entry boxes, click on the words "Create an account."
3. Fill out the registration form. All fields marked with an asterisk are required. At the end of the form check the box next to "I'm not a robot." Then select whether you want to receive emails with information about *GenTeam*. When you are finished, click on "Register."
4. If you have entered in the information correctly, your account will be created. You must check the email address you entered for the confirmation email from *GenTeam*. Follow the instructions in the email to confirm your registration. Note that the confirmation email may take some time to receive. Furthermore, an administrator must approve your account. When you receive the email notification that the account is approved, you may use the website.



Using the *GenTeam* gazetteer

Once your account has been approved, use the following steps to access and use the gazetteer:

1. Go to the *GenTeam* website, located at www.genteam.at. On the left side of the page, in the gray box, enter your username and password to log in.
2. Once you are logged in, you will see two columns of information. On the left side, in the gray box, will be a list labeled “Datenbanken,” or databases. To the right is a list of different types of records or resources available on *GenTeam*. The word “Gazetteer” shows up in both columns. Click on “Gazetteer” in the right column and read the information provided. This gives you information on search techniques to find your location.
3. To access the gazetteer search function, click on “Gazetteer” in the left column.
4. Below the heading “Gazetteer of Austrian, Czech, Slovak and Slovenian Republic” you will find search boxes for *Search Term*, *Place*, and *Crown Land*. Crown Land indicates the name of the province the place was in during the Austro-Hungarian Empire prior to 1918. If the place is in modern-day Austria, most crown lands correspond with the current state boundaries.
5. Selecting a crown land is not required to complete a search, however, it can help limit search results. The following table will help you with identifying former Crown Lands listed in *GenTeam* and their current locations.

Crown Land	Current location
Böhmen (<i>Bohemia</i>)	Czech Republic
Bukowina	Ukraine, part in Romania
Dalmatien	Croatia, Montenegro
Galizien	Poland, Ukraine
Kärnten	Austria, Slovenia
Krain	Slovenia
Küstenland	part in Croatia, part in Slovenia
Mähren (<i>Moravia</i>)	Czech Republic, part in Poland
Niederösterreich	Austria
Oberösterreich	Austria
Salzburg	Austria
Schlesien (<i>Silesia</i>)	Poland, parts in Germany and Czech Republic
Steiermark	Austria, Slovenia
Tirol	Austria
Tirol (heute in Italien)	part in Italy
Ungarn (<i>Hungary</i>)	parts in Austria, Slovenia
Ungarn (heute Burgenland)	Austria
Ungarn (heute Slowakei)	Slovak Republic

Ungarn (heute Ukraine)	Ukraine
Vorarlberg	Austria
Wien (<i>Vienna</i>)	Austria

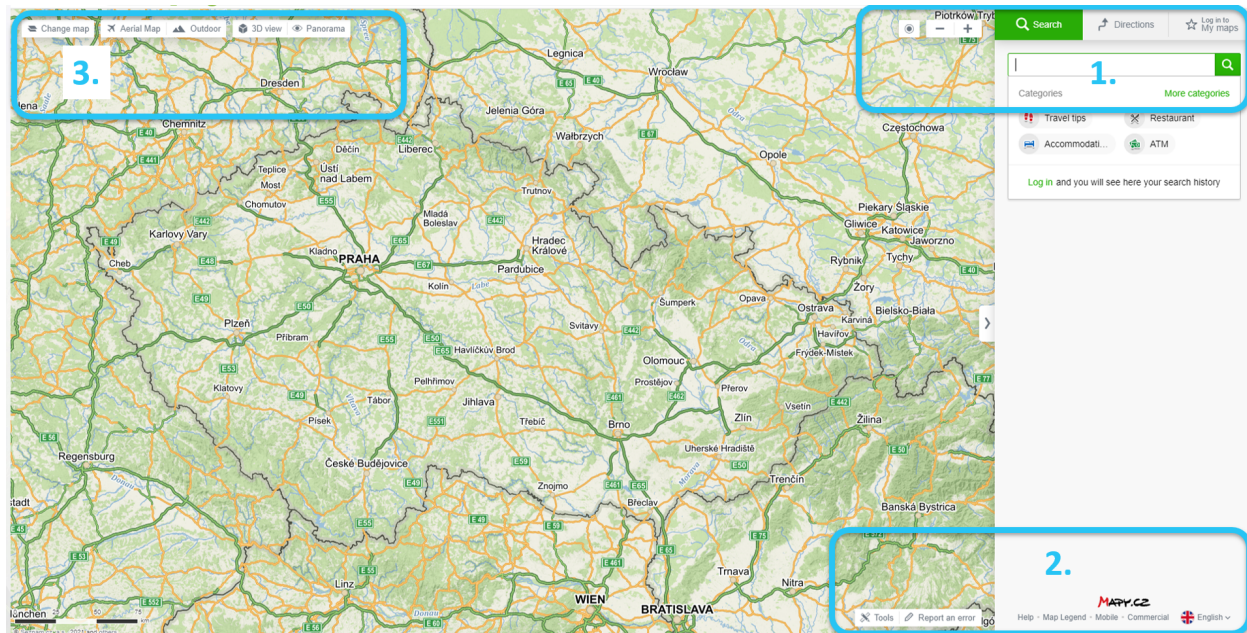
6. To search for a place, select a search term and enter a place name. The “Search Term” box should default to “Contains.” Other options in the dropdown box include “Starts with” and “Is.” For our example, we will use “Contains.” In the “Place” search box, enter the name of your town. For example, enter the town name of **Burg**. Notice that a dropdown box appears containing a list of all locations containing “Burg,” regardless of where it shows up in the place name. In the “Crown Land” box, select **Böhmen** (Bohemia) from the dropdown box. Once you have typed in the crown land, click on “Search.”
7. A list of all locations containing “Burg” within Böhmen should appear, including under the two column headings, “Place Name” and “Former Place Name.” This table provides the current and former place names (as applicable), the Roman Catholic parish, and the Crown Land. The column “Place Name” indicates the present-day name of the place, while “Former Place Name” shows any former names for the location. This occurs most often in locations that had German names but are now in Slovenia or Czech Republic.
8. Find the place of interest in the search results and click on the paper icon  in the column titled “Details.”
9. The “Detail View” page for the selected place includes the names of the judicial district, crown land, as well as the current and former parish, if applicable. This is extremely useful to identify when new parishes were formed and from which older parish they came. The starting years of parish records (baptisms/marriages/burials) are included for each parish, as well as the name of the archive which holds the records. If the name of the archive is in blue, click on it to open a new tab, which takes you to the archive’s website.
10. To return to the search page, click on the blue return arrow  at the bottom of the details page.
11. If the location is in modern-day Czech Republic or Slovenia, the *GenTeam* gazetteer does not give any diacritical marks in its search or results screens. The town of Činěves, located in modern-day Czech Republic, is listed as Cineves.
12. To find the correct spelling of a town, as well as the modern jurisdictions, do a web search for the town name and look at the corresponding Wikipedia article. When there are several towns with the same name, use the *GenTeam*-provided parish name, or if necessary, former judicial district to identify the correct town.

Part 2: ONLINE MAPS

Mapy.cz

- Access maps at www.mapy.cz. The site is available in English, Polish, German, Slovak, and Czech. Change the language by clicking on the flag in the lower right corner.

The **home page** shows a modern map of Czechia surrounded by the following tools and viewing options:



Source: <https://en.mapy.cz/zakladni?x=15.6252330&y=49.8022514&z=8> : accessed 13 October 2021.

1. Search:

- Search - Enter the *current* place name in the search field. Diacritics are not required, e.g., if searching for **Činěves**, one can enter **Cineves**. Search for place name in language of the website setting, e.g., in English language setting search for “Prague,” in German language setting search for “Prag.”
- Directions.
- Log in - An account is *not* needed to use the website, but it allows for additional features, such as planning routes and saving places.

2. Tools and Help:

- Help – Learn more about the website and the multiple features offered.
- Map Legend – See what the various colors, symbols, and abbreviations mean.
- Flag/Language – Change the website language.
- Tools – Measure distance and area; place markers; share, print or download map; upload GPS data.

3. Maps and Views:

- Change map – Choose from the following: Basic, Traffic, Outdoor, With photos, Aerial, Aerial Maps ('03 - '18), Winter, Geographic, From 19th century, and Haptic.
- Aerial map – Quick link to Aerial map, created from satellite and aerial imagery.
- Outdoor – Quick link to Outdoor map, which includes topographic layers and different trail types.
- 3D view – This option allows you to view locations on a map from a 3D perspective. Maps can be rotated and manipulated.
- Panorama – See wide-angle views from any point along the red routes that appear with selecting “Panorama.”

Once a search result has been selected, additional information and options are available on the **place page**, including:

- Photos from the specific location.
- Modern jurisdictions.
- Link to website of specific location.
- Local weather.
- Link to Wikipedia article.
- GPS coordinates.

Some **Vanished settlements** can also be found using mapy.cz.

- Enter the historic town name (e.g., Wenzelsdorf or Männelsdorf) or the current designation beginning with **bývalý** (e.g., bývalý Václav or bývalá obec Zvoníčkov) in the search box.
- Select the 19th century map to view the historic town on the map.
- For additional information about vanished settlements see <http://zanikleobce.cz/> Copy the link into translate.google.com to translate from Czech to English, click on the translated link to view the page in English.

Arcanum Maps

- Access maps at www.maps.arcanum.com. The maps site is available in English, German, and Hungarian. Change the language at the bottom of the website under “Languages.”

- *Arcanum* provides historical maps.
- The Maps home page offers the following categories:
 - Maps of Europe
 - City maps
 - Country maps
 - Cadastral maps
 - Thematic maps (not associated with a photo, link is located below Cadastral maps)
- Search any map by entering the place name in the Search box located below the map. Place names can be searched in different languages, e.g., Praha, Prague, Prag, no matter which language setting of the website.
- Move the map by right clicking and holding your mouse anywhere on the map, then moving your mouse.
- Viewing options and tools below the search box include:
 - Synchronized view – View historical and modern map side by side. Select a “Base map” option for comparison. Click on “Single view” to return to previous view.
 - Full screen.
 - Measure distance/area.
 - 3D/2D – Manipulate the map with *CTRL+ mouse* in 3D view.
- Viewing option tools in the top right corner of the map include:
 - Opacity – View the historical and modern map on top of each other. Select a base map and move the grey percentage box to decrease or increase opacity.
 - More maps – Click here to select other map options for the selected place you are currently viewing. Click on “more maps” again to hide the list again.
- Find specific maps for Böhmen (Bohemia) and Mähren (Moravia) here:
 - Maps of Europe:
 - Select “Europe in the XIX. century” then scroll down to find [“Bohemia \(1842-1853\)”](#) and [“Moravia \(1836-1842\).”](#)
 - Country maps:

- Scroll down and select either Habsburg Empire maps pre-1869, then search for the crown lands.

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